

REMARKS

1. Request for Continued Examination:

5 The applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above-indicated application as per 37 CFR 1.114.

2. Rejection of claims 1, 8, 12-13, and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saari et al. (US 6,532,035) in view of Belliveau (US Pat. App. Pub. 2004/0114043):
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Claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the invention. Such amendment is fully supported by the original disclosure (see Figs. 9 and 10 and related description) and introduces no new matter.

15 The strobe is now recited as:

installed on the pedestal and turnable with the pedestal allowing the strobe to be aimed substantially parallel with the first central axis in either direction for providing a light source necessary for the digital image capturing apparatus,

20 the first central axis being that along which the first and second holes are aligned.

25 The combination of Saari and Belliveau does not teach or suggest the above limitation.

30 As mentioned in the previous reply, the combination is not conducive to a strobe that can turn with the pedestal so as to allow illumination of subjects at the first and second holes. Saari's geometry (see Fig. 10 for example) prevents this. Specifically, Saari's arrangement does not allow the strobe to be aimed substantially parallel with the first

central axis in either direction.

The invention allows for a single strobe (or flash) to be used along with a single reflector, thus saving parts and reducing complexity, while preserving functionality.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments to claim 1. Claims 8, 12-13, and 23-24 are dependent and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed.

3. Rejection of claims 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saari in view of Belliveau as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Motta et al. (US 6,809,772):

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Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments to claim 1. Claims 2-3 are dependent and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed.

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4. Rejection of claims 14-16, 17, 20, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saari in view of Motta and Belliveau:

Claim 14 is amended to more clearly define the invention. Such amendment is fully supported by the original disclosure (see Fig. 20 and related description) and introduces no new matter.

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The lens is now recited as:

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installed on the housing, moveable between a first position and a second position, for inputting light from the front of the housing in the first position and from the rear of the housing in the second position.

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The "or" and "capable of" language are removed. Thus, this limitation is not taught or suggested by the combination.

The strobe is now recited as:

5 installed on the pedestal and turnable with the pedestal
 allowing the strobe to be aimed substantially parallel
 with the lens for providing a light source necessary to
 the digital image capturing apparatus,

as similar to claim 1. Thus, this limitation is not taught or suggested by the combination.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is requested in view of the amendments to claim 14. Claims 15-16, 17, 20, and 25-26 are dependent and should be allowed if claim 14 is allowed.

15 **5. New Claims 27-28:**

Claim 27 is dependent on claim 1 and further refines the structure of the invention. Claim 27 is fully supported by the original disclosure (see Figs. 9 and 10 and related description) and introduces no new matter.

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Claim 28 is independent and aims to claim the invention in different terms. Claim 28 is fully supported by the original disclosure (see Figs. 9, 10, and 20 and related description) and introduces no new matter.

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Sincerely yours,

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